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## **PATENT APPLICATION**

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  Masakazu MATSUGU, ET AL.		)	Examiner: J. Wilson  Group Art Unit: 2612
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Appln. No.: 09/435,774		)	
Filed: November 8, 1999		· )	
For:	IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM	) : ) :	December 30, 2003  RECEIVED  DEC 3 1 2003
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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated December 2, 2003, which sets forth a restriction requirement, Applicants elect for examination the invention of Group I (Claims 1-14, 24-37, and 47).

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